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Translation of the pertinent portions of the Minutes of an  
Informal Telephone Conference with Applicant

**PCT**

Application No. PCT/EP2004/050446

**Minutes of an Informal Telephone Conference with Applicant**

A copy of the minutes was forwarded to Applicant for his  
information

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**Participants**

Applicant: KBA  
Representative: Hoffmann  
Examiner: Duquénoy, A.

**Summary of the Discussion**

The following items were mentioned on 07/21/2005 at 2  
p.m.:

1 - Articles 6 and 19(2) PCT:

1.1 - The changes in claim 1 filed with letter of  
10/12/04 introduce matters which, in contradiction to  
Article 19(2) PCT, exceed the disclosure of the application  
at the time of filing. Claim 1 does not have the  
characteristic "cutting cylinder (127)", so that the subject  
of the claim is extended. A permissible version, to which  
the representative agrees, would be the following:

"A web-fed rotary printing press with a least one printing  
unit ... sectional lengths of the product...and works  
together with a **cutting cylinder (127')** having four cutters  
which are arranged one behind the other, viewed in the  
circumferential direction of the transport cylinder".

1.2 - Claim 2 has two embodiments (a transport  
cylinder **either** with a cutting cylinder having 4 cutters on  
its circumference **or** having cutting cylinders each with 2  
cutters on their circumferences). Such wording is unclear  
and the representative should decide which embodiment is to  
be claimed in claim 2. The examiner agreed to the  
representative filing a new claim with the following  
wording:

"A web-fed rotary printing press with a least one printing unit ...) sectional lengths of the product... which works together with two cutting cylinders (127), which are arranged one behind the other on the circumference of the transport cylinder and each of which supports two cutters."

## 2. Article 33(1), 33(2), 33(3) PCT

2.1 In judging the requirements of PCT regarding novelty or inventive activities, the examiner has considered claims 1 and 2 with the following wording in order to overcome the objections of the previous paragraph:

"A web-fed rotary printing press with a least one printing unit ... sectional lengths of the product...and works together with **a cutting cylinder (127')** having four cutters which are arranged one behind the other, viewed in the circumferential direction of the transport cylinder".

"A web-fed rotary printing press with a least one printing unit ...) sectional lengths of the product... which works together with two cutting cylinders (127), which are arranged one behind the other on the circumference of the transport cylinder and each of which supports two cutters."

2.2 The examiner agrees that the subject of independent claims 1, 2 is **novel**.

2.3 The examiner had doubts regarding inventive activities in connection with claim 1 and expressed his opinion to the representative.

The representative explained his arguments as to why he believes claim 1 to be inventive.

## 3. - Miscellaneous

- As discussed, the representative will file new claims 1 and 2 per fax in order to meet the requirements of PCT in respect to Article 6 and 19(2).

- After thorough reflection, the examiner now considers the subject of claim 1 to be inventive.

07/21/2005

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